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Kyoji KATO

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the April 18, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 4 as follows:

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4. (Twice Amended) A spindle motor for driving a magnetic disk, comprising:
- a base member having a boss portion and a cylindrical wall portion, said boss portion, cylindrical wall portion and base member formed as a single-piece member, said boss portion being located at a center of said base member, and said cylindrical wall portion being located at an outer circumference of said boss portion;
 - a stator comprising a stack and coils, said stator is disposed on an outer circumference of said cylindrical wall portion;
 - a shaft having a thrust plate at one end portion of said shaft, said shaft is fitted on said boss portion, and said thrust plate is disposed at the inside of said cylindrical wall portion;

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